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Former AG charged in cyclist's death

BRYANT A lawyer who rose through the ranks of the Ontario government to become a prominent cabinet minister and went on to a high-profile role selling Toronto to investors was charged yesterday with criminal negligence causing the death of a bicycle courier who fell from a moving vehicle.

Michael Bryant, a former attorney general responsible for cracking down on street racing and pit bulls, was also charged with dangerous operation of a vehicle in the incident that played out Monday in front of horrified witnesses in the city's upscale Yorkville district.

After being charged, a forlorn-looking Bryant, a 43-year-old lawyer known for his tenaciousness, emerged from a city police station after spending the night in custody to briefly face the media spotlight which he once eagerly sought in his political career.

Toronto police Sgt. Tim Burrows said Bryant had not been drinking and was being released under unspecified conditions on his own recognizance pending a court appearance Oct. 19.

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Firefighters battle on in California

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Dubois advances



Stephanie Dubois, of Laval, Que., reacts after winning 6-0, 6-4 against Kristina Mladenovic of France, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York yesterday. Story, page 12.

Lansdowne Park makeover mulled

Pro soccer team could share proposed stadium with CFL

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Amid announcements of another professional soccer team in Ottawa and two new alternative proposals, residents finally get a glimpse of what a new Lansdowne Park could someday become.

Today, city council will review development proposal that the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group negotiated with city staff since late April.

"I'm very excited about it. I think it's a beautiful blend of economic prudence and world-class artistic design and suitability for the city of Ottawa," said Mayor Larry O'Brien. "Now it's a matter of the community getting involved, the

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Mayor Larry O'Brien

community reviewing it. There are a lot of things left to happen."

O'Brien said today's presentation was only the start of the list of up to 50 different approvals needed move the program forward.

The proposal includes a plan to rebuild Frank Clair stadium in order to host a CFL franchise.

Yesterday, the OSEG announced it had applied for a United Soccer Leagues First Division (USL-1) franchise that would share the stadium.

The USL First Division is a

professional league that is considered a step below Major League Soccer. In fact, several franchises, such as the Vancouver Whitecaps, have used the USL as a stepping stone into the MLS.

Senators Sports and Entertainment had been attempting to bring an MLS franchise to Ottawa, but President Cyril Leeder said they are not interested in a USL team.

In the past week, two alternative plans for Lansdowne Park have been announced.

While Capital Ward

Coun. Clive Doucet, unveiled a plan for the park by Ottawa architect Lester Johnson, local computer consultant John Martin launched Vitally Ottawa — Absolut Ottawa, in reaction to the cancellation of the Design Lansdowne competition.

Martin is also advocating for competition to redesign the park and he said the stadium should be located at Bayview Yards.

Doucet said the "sole source" arrangement with the OSEG was destructive to the whole city.

"How are we going to ask the provincial and federal governments to participate in funding the renaissance of Lansdowne Park when we're using a process which is illegal at their levels?" he said.

Liberals plan to dump Tories

POLITICS A fall election looms as a real possibility for Canada, now that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has declared his party will no longer help Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government stay in power. Ignatieff issued the election threat yesterday in a nationally televised address to caucus members in Sudbury:

"Mr. Harper, your time is up," Ignatieff said. "The Liberal party cannot support this government any further."

Last night, he told an election-style rally in Sudbury the Liberals will move a motion of non-confidence at the first opportunity, meaning Canadians could be headed back to the polls by late October or early November, the fourth general election in just over five years.

Ignatieff, who reportedly made the decision in the past couple of weeks, said the time has come for Liberals to start showing Canadians they can be better than the Conservative government.

"We deserve better," Ignatieff said. "We've had four years of this — four years of a government that mismanages our public finances and a prime minister who divides the country to score political points."

A withdrawal of Liberal support means the Conservatives, with just 143 seats of a 308-seat parliament, would have to seek the support of either the New Democrats or the Bloc Québécois to pass legislation.

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'Back-to-school' supplies being sent home with adopted pets

Back to school isn't just for kids. This month, the Ottawa Humane Society is sending each animal adopted from the shelter to its new home with a "back-to-school kit" containing goodies, a collar and toys. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Four arrested after police chase

Ottawa police arrested four people following a police pursuit yesterday. At approximately 12:16 a.m., an Ottawa patrol officer attempted to stop a 1984 Oldsmobile on Cummings Avenue. Another officer observed the same vehicle at 12:19 a.m. Shortly after the vehicle evaded officers by colliding with a police vehicle, it collided with a building wall. Police found a hatchet and marijuana in the vehicle and arrested four people. They appear in court today. **METRO OTTAWA**



Three charged after marijuana bust

DRUGS Three Ottawa residents appeared in court yesterday after police seized \$250,000 worth of marijuana during a drug warrant earlier this week.

Police executed a search warrant Monday in the 100 block of Lenore Place, arresting three individuals and seizing approximately 37 pounds of marijuana, along with Canadian currency.

Mohamed Odawa, 22, Mahamoud Djilani, 27, and a 16-year-old female face various charges.

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News in brief

CRIME On Friday and Saturday, officers are cracking down on Liquor Licence Act offences such as public intoxication, by-law offences, excessive noise in residential areas, Safe Streets Act and Highway Traffic Act offences, and street-level drug trafficking.

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Driver examiners stage rally

Striking workers provincewide fighting for security, seniority

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They do their part to ensure Ontario's roads remain as safe as possible, yet struggle for job security.

In their second week on strike, dozens of driver examiners from across Ontario, office workers and their supporters held a noon rally in front of Premier Dalton McGuinty's office yesterday to fight for job security and to have their seniority recognized.

In 2003, the provincial government privatized the work for driver examiners.

Represented by United Steelworkers, driver examiners and office staff, who are employed by SERCO, have been in negotiations over their collective agreement and after several months of bargaining, moved into a strike position, said David Lipton, a staff representative with United Steelworkers.

"This is a serious issue to the public and public safety," said Lipton. "The public



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needs to be concerned about the need to retain qualified people. The government was the one that set the rules and if they choose to contract it out, they need to be responsible."

The provincewide strike affects students applying for their first licences, senior drivers looking to pass mandatory tests and heavy-truck drivers requiring recertification, according to

Lipton.

There is also no minimum number of hours that part-time employees can work in a week, yet they are expected to be on call, said Lipton. "The company is attempting to maximize profit without regard for the stability of work."

A driver examiner based out of Ottawa, Ilona Al-Khafajy is a part-time employee working full-time hours — with none of the

security or the benefits.

"This is a government service we provide and it needs to be respected," she said.

Driver examiners Alvin Malcolm and Chrissy McCallum drove in from Kingston to show their support, as well as Ottawa and District Labour Council president Sean McKenny, who attended "to show that the broader labour movement stands beside them."

City hall honours former Senators president, CEO Mlakar

TRIBUTE During his first winter in Ottawa in 1996, Roy Mlakar took a skate along the Rideau Canal and counted the hockey sweaters he passed along the way.

At the time, he saw nothing but "ugly Leafs sweaters, Habs sweaters and even Nordiques sweaters."

When Mlakar took the job as president and CEO of the Ottawa Senators, the team was still struggling to establish itself and declared bankruptcy in 2003. Since then it has become a model franchise for NHL off the ice

and for a time was an elite franchise on the ice.

Last winter, he did the count again and out of 500 sweaters, 413 had the Senators logo.

"We've come a long way," said Mlakar at an event held in his honour at city hall yesterday.

After 13 seasons with the club, Mlakar left his post with the Ottawa Senators after his contract ran out on July 1.

Yesterday, Mayor Larry O'Brien officially declared Sept. 1 Roy Mlakar Day.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA



Former Ottawa Senators president and CEO Roy Mlakar, left, shares a laugh with Mayor Larry O'Brien during an event held in honour of Mlakar yesterday at city hall. O'Brien officially declared Sept. 1 Roy Mlakar Day in Ottawa.

Flap over age cap on bus passes heads to council

TRANSIT The city's transit committee has voted to lift a controversial age limit on student bus passes, but students are preparing for battle when the issue rises to city council on Sept. 9.

"The real fight will be at council," said Carleton University Students' Association president Erik Halliwell.

"We recognize that it will be tough, but we're ready for it."

In order to overturn the cap, it would require approval from 18 councillors next Wednesday.

As of July 1, full-time post-secondary students over the age of 27 were no longer allowed to purchase monthly bus passes at the student discount.

The decision to implement the age limit was a cost-saving measure intended to save OC Transpo around \$220,000 per year — a move that Rideau-Rockcliffe Coun. Jacques Legendre called a cash-grab that targets some of the most vulnerable and talented people in the city.

Though the motion passed unanimously yesterday, Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen warned student groups getting support from another 10 councillors would be difficult.

"We will have to deal with where that other \$220,000 comes from, because we are not going to send out another tax bill," he said.

Gaétan Beaulière, external commissioner with the University of Ottawa's Graduate Students' Association, said the average age for people receiving a PhD in Ottawa is 33 years old.

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MP touts clinic improvements

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq was in Winnipeg today to tout the federal government's \$135 million plan to improve health clinics in First Nations communities. The money was previously announced in the federal budget. The cash is to go to build and renovate new nursing stations across Canada. All of the 16 projects are supposed to be finished by March 2011.

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Canadians split on H1N1 vaccine: Poll

Parents fret over booster used in shots

Canadians aren't clamouring en masse for influenza A (H1N1, also known as swine flu) vaccine, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll also indicates some parents have concerns about allowing their children to have a vaccine that contains an adjuvant, a compound that boosts the impact of the vaccine and allows smaller doses to be used.

Only about 45 per cent of respondents intend to get pandemic vaccine when the shots become available later in the fall, the poll found. An equal

Findings

- The findings are based on telephone interviews conducted between Aug. 20 and Aug. 23. Just over 1,000 Canadians were surveyed, giving the poll a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

percentage said they would not take the pandemic shot.

"I think the data show that there is an ambivalence in Canadians about the vaccine," said Dr. Kumanan Wilson, a scientist

at the Ottawa Health Research Institute who has done a lot of research on the anti-vaccination movement.

"I think that public health officials need to be concerned about that. Simply having the vaccine isn't going to be enough to have a successful program."

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer, could not be immediately reached for comment yesterday on the survey. With seasonal flu vaccine, uptake is highest among seniors and lowest among healthy adults.

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Calgary Techies team up



PM Stephen Harper talks with Dan Van Holst, right, from Waterloo, Ont., a Canadian competitor in automotive technology, and MP Diane Finley as they look at a Ford Focus engine yesterday at the 2009 WorldSkills competition in Calgary. The technology competition will host as many as 150,000 visitors and contestants.

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Tories in court over tax rebate

POLITICS Stephen Harper's Conservatives are in another legal battle with Elections Canada — this time the federal Tories are demanding that the election watchdog take their money.

The Conservative Party of Canada has launched a suit at the Ontario Superior Court to force Elections Canada to accept a refund cheque from the Tories for

almost \$600,000.

Of course, if successful, the cash-flush Conservatives would also ensure that their poorer Liberal opponents have to refund similar — if not larger — sums.

The case revolves around GST rebates federal parties received from Revenue Canada for the 2004 and 2006 elections.

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News in brief

ECONOMY A new TD Bank Financial Group report says Quebec — despite its economic challenges — is emerging from the global recession in better shape than other big provinces like Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Those other provinces may be considered Canada's economic heavy-hitters but, TD Bank Financial Group says, it's Quebec that has avoided the worst of the recession.

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Employees locked out of newsprint mill

About 250 employees have been locked out of the Pine Falls newsprint mill in Manitoba by Tembec, after the Quebec-based company and the workers' union were unable to reach a collective agreement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

McGuinty levels warning at agencies

Facing expense scandals at two provincial agencies, Premier Dalton McGuinty issued a stern warning yesterday to top officials at all 600 Ontario agencies, boards and commissions to lead by example or face dismissal, just like the head of the province's lottery corporation.

Kelly McDougald, the CEO of Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp., was fired

Monday — and the entire board of directors resigned — after expenses filed by senior staff were deemed “unacceptable” by the government.

“I have a particularly important message for the leadership of our agencies, boards and commissions: you must lead by example,” McGuinty said at a news conference.

“If you doubt our commitment, take a look at the



“If you doubt our commitment, take a look at the example of which we are making of OLG.”

Premier Dalton McGuinty

example of which we are making of OLG.”

The auditor general will determine if any rules were broken at the lottery corporation when staff submitted claims for lavish

restaurant and bar bills, gym and golf club memberships and even a \$30 car wash.

McGuinty said employees who claimed unacceptable expenses “like person-

al items and alcohol for staff functions” will have to repay taxpayers.

“There are clear rules there. They’ve been there for some time,” he said. “There are also clear public expectations.”

Many private companies, but not all, are scaling back on expenses like club memberships and lavish restaurant meals, said Prof. Len Brooks, a specialist in business ethics at the Uni-

versity of Toronto.

“There’s still the advertising-marketing crowd that have this history of spending lavishly, but more companies are restricting the gifts and meals and so forth,” said Brooks.

The premier did the right thing in aiming his message at the leaders of the agencies, said Brooks yesterday.

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Canada accused of racism by South Africa

REFUGEE South Africa's ruling party says a Canadian immigration tribunal decision giving refugee status to a white South African is a racist move.

Published reports say Canada's immigration and refugee board granted status last week to Brandon Huntley after he claimed he would be persecuted at home because of his colour — and that the South African government could

not protect him. In a statement, the congress called

Huntley's claims of being attacked seven times because of his colour “sensational and alarming.”

The Canadian board refused to comment on the case. Board spokesman

Stephane Malepart said he is barred from commenting on any individual case by privacy provisions.

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Allowed to stay

• News reports, however, said the board allowed Huntley to stay in Canada because he presented “clear and convincing proof of the state's inability or unwillingness to protect him.”

News in brief

BC BUDGET British Columbians will be paying higher health premiums as the provincial government digs itself out of a deficit that is six times higher than predicted in February. Finance Minister Colin Hansen says the province will run deficits for four years,

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The 53-nation Commonwealth says it has suspended Fiji automatically after it failed to respond to a demand to begin restoring democracy to the island nation. The Commonwealth had demanded that the South Pacific island nation meet conditions — such as resuming a dialogue with opposition groups and holding early elections — by midnight local time, or face suspension. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fiji suspended from Commonwealth

World



Fallout from Dalai Lama's Taiwan visit

A Taiwanese party spokeswoman says China has cancelled or postponed several visits and exchanges with Taiwan, likely to show its anger over the Dalai Lama's visit to the island. Chen Shu-rong of the ruling Nationalist Party says cancelled events include a visit by senior Shanghai Communist Party official Yang Xiaodu. Chen declined yesterday to comment on news reports that the party sent an emissary to China last week to seek its understanding on the Dalai Lama's visit.

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Firefighter Sterling Rel examines a fire line yesterday.

Fire still threatening thousands of homes

CALIFORNIA Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers in a Southern California forest yesterday to try to contain a 492-square-kilometre wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more. The commander of the vast

firefighting operation expressed a positive outlook for the first time in the week since the blaze erupted north of Los Angeles and grew into a giant. Some 3,600 firefighters were working across an 80-kilometre span.

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Obese in America

Where you live matters when it comes to children's waistlines, says a report that finds lots of options localities could and should use to fight child obesity — from easy bike paths, to luring healthier stores, to taxes on junk food.

The report by the U.S. Institute of Medicine says local environments hugely influence those choices — and it calls on city and county governments to make it easier for families to make healthier decisions. "In some communities, actually doing the healthy thing is not as easy as it might be in other places," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, who chaired the institute's report.

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or

obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades.

Yesterday's report was sparked because a local government official asked an institute scientist what practical steps communities can take to do that.

The report offers a menu of suggestions and highlights how some communities are making them work. Among them:

- Require chain restaurants to post calorie counts. New York City is among a handful of cities that have begun this.

- Use tax credits and other incentives to attract supermarkets to underserved neighbourhoods; offer grants to small stores to help them stock healthier items, and create community shuttle services or special bus routes to help residents reach supermarkets.

- Build and maintain sidewalks, bike paths, playgrounds and parks to allow safe and comfortable outdoor activity. Use community policing to improve security in high-crime areas so that families will get outdoors, and work with education departments to create programs that allow children to walk or bike to school safely.

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Bizarre twist in assassination plot

SAUDI ARABIA The wanted Saudi militant who attacked the kingdom's anti-terror chief after pretending he wanted to surrender blew himself up while the official was on the phone reassuring another terrorist in Yemen it would be safe to return home, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. The events that led up to Thursday's attack began when militant Abdullah Hassan Tali Assiri got in touch with authorities, saying he wanted to turn himself into Prince Mohammed bin Nayef. During the meeting, Assiri, who was on the country's most wanted list, told Mohammed that other militants wanted to surrender, too, but were seeking safe passage. When contact was made with one of the men in Yemen, Assiri detonated a bomb, killing himself and slightly injuring the Prince.

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Victims ID'd in mobile home murders

Police yesterday identified the eight people killed over the weekend in a mobile home in the southeastern city of Brunswick, Ga. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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NATO forces in Afghanistan are being ordered to follow the rules of the road and drive less aggressively in an effort to win the confidence of the Afghan people. In this Nov. 26, 2008 photo a convoy of Canadian soldiers drives down a highway in the Panjwai District.

No need to drive aggressively: Major

One of the most intimidating sights on the highways and byways of Afghanistan has been the military convoy — a heavily armed and armoured line of war machines that transport NATO soldiers and supplies to remote outposts.

These behemoths often travel at high speed and usually down the centre of the road. Pedestrians, motorcycles, cars and trucks are forced to do the equivalent of diving for cover into the ditch. Anyone who is seen to be a potential threat has occasionally had a warning shot or two fired over their heads. But that is about to change.

In order to attain the

goal of "winning the hearts and minds of Afghans," Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, is now requiring all personnel to adhere to appropriate legal driving procedures and behaviour in Afghanistan.

"The manner in which ISAF forces interact with and treat the Afghan people directly correlates to our ability to earn their trust and support," McChrystal said.

"ISAF forces are highly conspicuous when travelling in vehicles and I expect ISAF members to drive in ways that respect the

safety and well-being of the Afghan people."

The Theatre Driving Principles direct ISAF personnel to adhere to safe-driving practices, such as respecting Afghan traffic rules and regulations, driving at an appropriate speed and driving defensively.

"Why? He felt corrective measures needed to be applied — that there was no reason to drive aggressively all the time and that we needed to be reassuring to the Afghan population and show them we were a respectful military operation," explained Maj. Mario Couture, senior public affairs officer for Task Force Kandahar. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Madoff cottage on seller's block

FRAUD Those who see Bernard Madoff as the personification of greed and excess might be disappointed by his beach house: It's not that palatial.

At 3,014 square feet, the home is cottage-size by super-rich standards. Its furnishings are look as old as Madoff's decades-long fraud. There's no garage. Not even a walk-in closet.

But the lot sits closer to the surf than larger neighbouring homes on the southeastern tip of Long Island. And the house features a grand, columned porch with stunning views — undeniable selling points.

The U.S. Marshals Service, which seized the property just east of the Hamptons on July 1, will put the property on the market this week as part of an on-



A view of Bernard Madoff's house in Montauk, New York.

going effort to pay back burned investors. They also plan to soon enlist brokers to find buyers for a Manhattan apartment and a Palm Beach, Florida, estate once owned by the financier-turned-felon.

In estimates filed last year, Madoff valued his

Manhattan apartment at \$7 million (all figures US) and the Florida property at \$11 million. He said the Montauk house, which he bought in 1979, was worth \$3 million. Authorities believe the property could bring closer to \$8 million.

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Pied Piper's next mission? Alberta

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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For some reason, Alberta has long claimed to be rat-free. In fact, when Albertans sing O Canada at hockey games, they sing: "The True North Strong and Rat-Free."

Well, I made that up. But they could.

At least until recently, when the rat firewall between Alberta and the rest of the world has shown signs of breaking down.

All right, stop laughing. Alberta takes its rat-free status very seriously. It claims to be one of the three places in the world, the other two being the Arctic and Antarctica, that are rat-free. The province budgets \$500,000 per year to clean up any residual rats. Did you know (according to Wikipedia) only licensed rat facilities, such as zoos and research establishments are allowed to own rats, and possession

of an unlicensed rat (including pets) is punishable by a \$5,000 fine or 60 days in jail?

Is that a rat-tail in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?

Now rats are turning up all over the place. They could be sneaking over the border from Swift Current; they have been spotted in Calgary, Taber, Newell County, Airdrie and Springbank. A high-level rat inspector has been dispatched to Calgary to ascertain if this here's an official infestation.

Here in Vancouver, it's

tough to see what the fuss is all about. We've got rats, millions of them. A rat sneaks across the power line in my otherwise pristine (I'll have you know) backyard every 15 minutes. Rats own the alleys. They elect representatives to city council. (Oh, sorry, those are metaphorical rats. The Norway or sewer rat (*rattus norvegicus*) has yet to acquire the vote. But it can't be long.)

This is a port city, and trying to rid a port city of rats is a little bit like trying to rid a port city of drugs, prostitution, human trafficking,

etc. But in Alberta, they're a little prone to magical, aggrandized thinking. Alberta, after all, is a hotbed of fundamentalist creationists, one of whom happens to be our prime minister, and for anyone who really believes the world is 6,000 years old, it's only a short step to believing there ain't no rats.

Rats are, in fact, pests. They eat crops, spread disease and chew stuff, so it makes sense to try to control them, and Alberta has, for the most part, been successful. But why set yourself up as rat-free, thereby setting yourself up for failure?

No human device has ever been completely successful — only Arctic and Antarctic frosts do the trick. Whatever else they are, rats aren't stupid. Not only that, they're prolific. Apparently, one motivated pair of fertile rats can lead to 15,000 descendants in a year.

We better hope they don't get the vote. If you think there are too many rats elected to high office now, wait until they can vote for themselves ...

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Word on the street: Do you think we should leave the Senate as is, elect our senators, or abolish the Senate?

Jacob Scott

age 17, Ottawa

A: Harper hand-picks the cabinet, I don't think it's fair that he should hand-pick the Senate either — for one man to essentially have that much control without the say of the general public.

Sarah Thuswaldner

age 18, Ottawa

A: An elected senate would make a little more sense. That's the way democracy works and I think it can be applicable everywhere.

Ben Baroski

age 19, Ottawa

A: Leave it as it is because that's how it is traditionally. Just because a prime minister chooses who is in it doesn't mean it's biased.

Heather Cochrane

age 46, Windsor, N.S.

A: I think they should abolish the Senate. I think most of the time it's a waste of time. It's more talk than anything getting done.

Cory Jackson

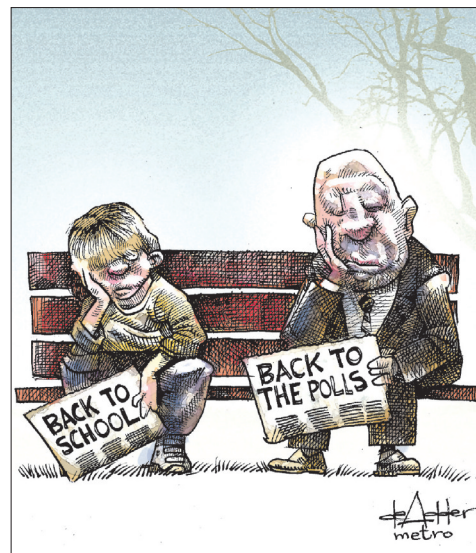
age n/a, Calgary

A: I would lean towards having an elected Senate as opposed to the appointments as they've been happening previously.

Tiffanie Ing

age 26, Toronto

A: I think it should be an elected-official system ... What's the point? Why not abolish it?



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EBay to sell part of telecom firm Skype for \$2B US

EBay Inc. is trading control of Skype for about \$2 billion US in a deal involving private funds, including the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Cellphone companies adopt code of conduct

Canada's wireless carriers have adopted a new code of conduct that they say will improve consumers' understanding of their contracts when they buy a cellphone.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, an industry group representing wireless carriers, said the new code will give consumers full details on rates, terms and coverage offered in their plans.

It also promises that cellphone companies will communicate with customers in a way that they understand.

Firms on board

Major wireless services providers have signed on to the new code of conduct, including Bell, Rogers, Telus, Videotron, MTS Allstream, and new players Public Mobile and WIND Mobile.

"In some cases, our members will have to change and adapt some of their practices to meet the code that is now in force as of today," wireless association president Bernard Lord said yesterday.

Much of the code is already being followed, he added. However, consumers have often been frustrated by the terms of their cellphone contracts.

Lord said the new code will give consumers the information they need to make informed decisions. "This will mean good service, better service, easier to resolve complaints," he said, adding if a consumer's complaint isn't resolved after 30 days, the consumer can go to Canada's Commissioner for Complaints to have it resolved. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

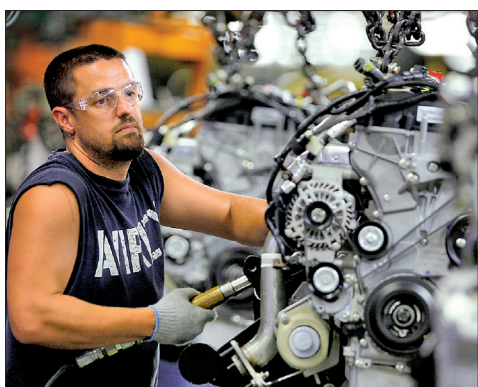
GM bests Ford in August sales

AUTO August was a month of extremes for vehicle sales in Canada, with some major automakers posting double-digit losses and others double-digit gains.

Data from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants shows overall vehicle sales in Canada were down 7.9 per cent in August to 135,351 compared to 146,978 a year earlier.

Ford Canada had a tentative grip on top market share for two months in a row, but was edged out of that spot by General Motors Canada in August. GM's Canadian sales declined by 27.5 per cent year over year to 23,018, but the automaker still managed to grab the largest portion of the market at 17.6 per cent.

Following GM in market share were Ford, Toyota, Chrysler and Honda. Hyundai's sales jumped



Chris Wasmer works on an engine for a 2010 Ford Escape at Ford's Kansas City plant in Claycomo, Mo., in this file photo.

38.4 per cent after it introduced its own 'cash for clunkers' program, earning it fifth place.

"Once again we see a Big Six rather than a Big Three emerging in the market in

Canada with Detroit one, the government two, the Japanese two and the new kid on the block from Korea," analyst Dennis DesRosiers said.

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Lululemon launches preteen line

CLOTHING Yoga wear retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. says it will launch a new line of clothing aimed at preteen girls.

The Vancouver-based company said the Ivivva Athletica line will be aimed at girls ages six to 12. The brand will be tested in three stores in Vancouver, Victoria and Calgary, and is scheduled to open before the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Lululemon said the preteen line was created as a

Ivivva

A Lululemon spokesperson said the name came out of a brainstorm session and has no specific meaning.

result of feedback from guests who wanted its clothing for a younger age group. The line will be geared to such sports as gymnastics, dance, figure skating, track and field and soccer.

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Business in brief

PETS The founder of Petcetera plans to re-open the best 20 locations of the pet products retailer, less than half the number of stores open before the chain went bankrupt in June. The new stores will have a new selection of products, a different look and more staff.

HEALTH Disappointing results from a clinical trial for a drug aimed at patients with Parkinson's disease psychosis sent shares of Biovail Corp. and its American development partner lower yesterday.

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The family of FC Nordsjaelland defender Jonathan Richter says the player has had the lower part of his left leg amputated, six weeks after he was struck by lightning during a reserve game. Richter's condition is improving, his family said in a statement posted yesterday on the club's website. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Leg amputated after lightning strike

Sports



NFL feeling the pinch

Avoiding local television blackouts will be a challenge as the NFL approaches its first full season in the economic downturn, commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday. Goodell said Jacksonville, one of the smallest markets in the league, is "one of the markets where we're seeing some challenges." The Jaguars' season-ticket base dropped to about 25,000 from 42,000 this season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports in brief

NBA Timberwolves president David Kahn says Spanish point guard Ricky Rubio has backed out of a deal to play in Minnesota this season. Rubio informed Kahn on Monday night that he would prefer to stay in his homeland for two more years to better prepare himself for the NBA.

F1 Injured Ferrari driver Felipe Massa received a positive medical report after visiting a specialist in racing injuries in Miami and expects to resume physical workouts as he takes his first step on the road back to Formula One. An accident at the Hungarian Grand Prix in July nearly cost Massa his life but the Brazilian is hoping to return for the Oct. 18 Brazilian Grand Prix.

ALI Boxing legend Muhammad Ali made a sentimental journey to discover his Irish roots yesterday, and met distant relatives during celebrations at the local town hall and a nearby castle. Thousands lined the streets of Ennis, western Ireland, to cheer the motorcade carrying Ali as the three-time world heavyweight champion visited the home of his great-grandfather Abe Grady.

NFL The Kansas City Chiefs have released Amani Toomer, ending the veteran receiver's short-lived stint with the team. Toomer signed with Kansas City on Aug. 4 after spending his first 13 seasons with the New York Giants. He never made much of an impact, spending most of the pre-season working with the second and third teams.

F1 Free agent left wing Alex Tanguay has signed a one-year contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Terms of the deal were not announced.

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Sharapova wins easily

Russian looks strong as she makes return to U.S. Open

Maria Sharapova was right where she likes to be: on the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight.

After missing last year's U.S. Open with a shoulder injury, the 2006 champion returned to the tournament last night with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

Sharapova's game was as glittery as her black-and-silver dress and matching headwrap, an outfit she described as a tribute to New York's skyline.

Several hours after Dinara Safina came perilously close to becoming the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose in this major tournament's first round, Sharapova gave a much stronger performance.

The three-time Grand Slam title winner produced 29 winners — a whopping 23 more than her 98th-ranked opponent. And Sharapova's game was particularly clean in the second set, when she hit 16 winners and only five



Maria Sharapova stretches to hit a return to Tsvetana Pironkova at the U.S. Open yesterday.

A first for Dubois

Canadian Stephanie Dubois has the first Grand Slam victory of her career. The native of Laval, Que., defeated French

teen Kristina Mladenovic 6-0, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open yesterday.

In men's doubles, Toronto's

Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Germans Andreas Beck and Simon Greul 6-3, 7-5.

unforced errors.

Apart from four double-faults, Sharapova showed no signs of the shoulder tear that forced her to

have surgery in October and kept off the tour for nearly 10 months.

"This is a Grand Slam. You've got to get going

from the first match," Sharapova said. "After being gone, this is what it's all about."

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Key decision looms in Balsillie's quest to relocate Coyotes

NHL A decision by a U.S. bankruptcy judge in the blazing Arizona heat could allow Jim Balsillie to continue his pursuit of putting an NHL team in Hamilton, or test the cold resolve of the Canadian billionaire to fight the league in court.

If Judge Redfield T. Baum decides during a bankruptcy court hearing today to ignore an overwhelming vote

by NHL owners rejecting Balsillie's bid to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes, it opens the door for him to participate in a Sept. 10 auction for the franchise.

But if Baum upholds the NHL's vote, Balsillie will have to decide if he has the will and deep pockets to battle the league in an antitrust suit.

"It is certainly still open

to him to bring such a lawsuit," said Penn State professor Stephen Ross, a sports law and antitrust scholar.

Such litigation might take four years and cost more than \$10 million US, Ross estimated. By then, the Coyotes could have a new owner and may not even be playing in Phoenix.

Eric Schaffer, a senior bankruptcy partner at the

international law firm Reed Smith in Pittsburgh, believes if today's decision goes against Balsillie it could convince him it's time to give up the fight.

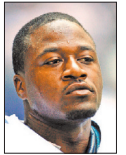
"If he loses on this one, then he probably is done as a potential owner," said Schaffer, who was involved in the Pittsburgh Penguins bankruptcy case.

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Pacman coming to CFL

FOOTBALL Adam (Pacman) Jones is coming to the CFL.

A CFL source requesting anonymity told The Canadian Press yesterday that the controversial former NFL cornerback has agreed to a one-year deal with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Jones is a former first-round draft pick of the Tennessee Titans who was released in February by the Dallas Cowboys.



The source added Jones Adam is hoping to (Pacman) Jones use the CFL as a stepping stone to a potential return to the NFL. In fact, that was a big reason why, the source said, Jones turned down an opportunity to sign with the United Football League, a league that is just starting up and has yet to play an official down of football.

Neither Bombers head coach Mike Kelly nor player-personnel director John Murphy immediately returned telephone and email messages.

Worrick Robinson, Jones's lawyer and agent, did say he's in negotiations with a CFL team and a deal has yet to be formally reached. Robinson wouldn't divulge which CFL team he's speaking with but feels an agreement could be done by week's end.

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Japan is getting all charged up for the world's first-ever electric taxi pilot program, which hits Tokyo streets come January. The participating cabs will use "swappable" batteries, which can be replaced in about the same time it takes to fill a gas tank. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Honda's northern light

The Civic still the Canadian gold standard for compact sedans

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



It's amusing to hear our American friends going on about the importance of buying products made in the U.S.A. when one of their favourite cars is made by a foreign power — us.

Yep, the Honda Civic sedan is just one of the vehicles made in Ontario at Honda's production facility in Alliston.

The perennial top selling compact car in Canada and the U.S., the current generation Civic blurs the line between compact and mid-size because 2009 Civics aren't really all that small anymore. The Civic is 4.4-metres long with the passenger volume of 2,574 litres. It may be considered compact on the outside, but it's mid-size on the inside.

There are no less than six different Civic models: four trim levels (DX, DX-G, Sport, EX-L) of the sedan, the sporty Si with a bigger 2.0-litre engine that revs freely to an amazing 7,800 rpm and the Hybrid that boasts fuel economy numbers of 4.7L/100 km city and 4.3L/100 km highway.

Tested here is the Sport that replaces last year's LX model. The Sport features a leather wrapped steering wheel, black cloth interior with silver contrast stitching and little things like a chrome exhaust tip and USB device connector.

The shape of the Civic sedan, as well as the coupe, has now defined the Honda "family look" with a steeply raked front windshield that is part of a sweeping roofline that actually starts at the nose



The Honda Civic has been one of Canada's favourite cars from the very first ones sold back in 1973.

2009 Honda Civic Sport Sedan

Type: Compact sedan
Price: from \$21,780.
Engine: 1.8-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder (140 hp, 128 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Roomy and affordable
- Honda quality made in Canada
- Advanced body structure for more safety

in the front of the vehicle. To make it work, the front-end frame structure incorporates new upper and lower frame members to significantly enhance energy dispersion in a frontal collision.

The interior of the current generation Civic takes advantage of its greater width. For instance, the seats are wider, and thus, more supportive. The centre console is big enough to hold 25 CDs.

The most prominent aspect of the cabin is the two-tier instrument panel.

A digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge are housed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight, resulting in shorter eye movements between the most commonly referenced gauges and the road. The lower level of the instrument panel houses a tachometer, multi-information digital display, odometer with trip meter and a variety of warning



The instrument panel of the Civic is set up as two tiers with a digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge placed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight.

indicators.

Power for the four main Civic sedans, including the Sport, is a 1.8-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder producing 140 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque. Standard transmission is a five-speed manual with a five-speed automatic as an option. Fuel ratings for the manual are 7.4/5.4L/100 km city/highway and 8.2/5.7L/100 km city/highway for the automatic.

The Sport has a starting price of \$21,780 and will

probably be the volume seller. My tester had just two options, the five-speed automatic at \$1,200 and floor mats (\$178.90) for an as tested price of \$23,158.90.

The Sport is well equipped for the price and it's roomy too. It's a great car for going across town or across the country. Others have tried, and are still trying, to duplicate or better the Civic, but it remains the Canadian gold standard for compact sedans.



The 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.

Hybrid BMW X6 coming

DEBUT The 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA) in September and will reach Canadian BMW showrooms in late 2009.

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A Pontiac G8, above, and a Saturn Astra.

Your future with GM

AutoPilot

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As you've no doubt heard, General Motors is transitioning into concentrating on four core brands — Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac.

That means the other four brands in its current portfolio — Pontiac, Saturn, Saab and Hummer — will soon be *persona non core*.

If you're a current owner of one of those brands, or considering purchasing one, you might be asking where you go for service and warranty work, when GM takes its signs down at the end of the year?

Fair question. The answer, however, is not straightforward, at least not at this time. There is still stuff in play.

We don't have anything official from GM as it didn't get back to us before deadline, but we gleaned a few scenarios from talking to industry execs and dealers.

First off, let's confirm that you will have someplace to go — it's the law. And if it weren't the law, either GM or the entity that ultimately controls

the brands in the future, would still be standing behind these products; otherwise it would just be business suicide.

"No one is ever going to leave consumers high and dry," says Moray Keith, who heads up a large GM dealer group based in Vancouver. "You're going to be able to get parts and have that vehicle repaired for as long as you own the vehicle. GM has always done that."

There is still some positioning going on, as to who will own the soon-to-be ex-GM brands, and their respective stores in Canada, and that will affect where consumers go for warranty work.

Pontiac is the most straightforward. GM is not selling the brand. So Pontiac customers simply go back to GM dealers.

The Penske group is trying to buy the Saturn dealer chain in the U.S., and sell cars sourced from GM and others. Currently they have no plans for Canada.

Until or unless something develops on this front, Canadian Saturn owners would presumably be going to GM dealers for warranty work, or going to still-open former Saturn operations for non-warranty related items.

Saab and Hummer owners would be in a similar position. GM is in the process of selling Saab to a Swedish company. A Chinese firm wants Hummer. Any possible sale would

determine who holds the warranty liability. In the meantime, assume GM is on the hook. So someone will have your back, we're just not sure who.

But you should also be aware that, when it comes to brand upheaval, there are shades of gray.

"If you have a Pontiac that shares almost all of its components with a Chevy, you really don't have to worry," says George Iny of the Automobile Protection Association, a non-profit that promotes the interests of automotive consumers.

But he's not so sure about vehicles that have no North American GM twin, like the Australian-built Pontiac G8, the European-built Saabs, and the Saturn Astra, which is built in Belgium by a company (Opel) that GM has been told to sell.

Not only will you possibly need to go to a GM dealer who never serviced those vehicles prior to this, he also raises the spectre of "long term issues with parts pricing and parts availability."

The other thing to rattle around our brains, is that some of these soon-to-be ex-GM cars are simply great cars, and, because of their circumstances, are now being offered at great prices you'll probably never see again. We'll leave it up to you.

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For each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration, a recent research has found.

More nicotine in smokers' cars: Study

Nicotine levels are "strikingly higher" in smokers' cars than in non-smokers' vehicles, and even exceed those found in public or private indoor spaces where tobacco use is allowed, a study has found.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health tested air nicotine concentrations in smokers' vehicles and found they were twice as strong as levels measured by other studies in public and-or private places and up to 50 per cent higher than measurements taken in restaurants and bars that permit smoking.

"We're interested in what the second-hand smoke exposure might do to a non-smoker travelling in a car with a smoker," said senior author Dr. Patrick Breyse. "And it seems like the car is probably the last environment where people have begun to think about the risk of second-hand smoke exposure."

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Senior author
Dr. Patrick Breyse

The researchers studied the vehicles of 17 smokers and five non-smokers who commuted to and from work for 30 minutes or longer. Two passive airborne nicotine samplers were placed in the vehicles — one on the front passenger seat headrest and one in the back seat behind the driver — for a 24-hour period.

"And we found that for each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration," said Breyse, noting that the study took into considera-

tion the size of each vehicle and the use of ventilation.

"Most people drive with the windows up and the air conditioning on," he said. "We found that rolling the windows half way down reduced the exposure ... but not as low as we expected."

Dr. Peter Selby, clinical director of the addictions program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, said the research confirms what other studies have shown, that there is significant exposure to second-hand smoke in confined spaces — and a car's no different.

"It's a pivotal study in the sense that it helps raise the awareness of many health professionals as well as policy makers that we need to do something about this issue around smoke in cars," said Selby.

• The research was recently published in the British Medical Association journal Tobacco Control.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

More power to you and gearbox

TECHNOLOGY Ford's new six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission delivers the performance and fuel economy of a manual gearbox with the comfort and convenience of an auto.

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The two clutches each control what are effective-



Ford's new six-speed Powershift automatic transmission.

ly separate three-speed gearboxes.

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gear is pre-selected in gearbox two. As the throttle is applied, the clutch is engaged electronically and the car pulls away in first gear. At the appropriate moment drive is switched automatically to the pre-selected second gear and third gear is pre-selected in gearbox one.

Sophisticated electronic control enables gears to be pre-selected according to whether the car is accelerating or decelerating.

FROM CARGUIDE

Workology

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Enrolment boom at Sault College

As of last week, there are 1,248 first-year students registered at Sault College, up 36 per cent from the same time last year. Overall enrollment is expected to increase 26 per cent for the fall term. The enrollment boom is being attributed to the economy, which has led many adults to return to the classroom. The college is reporting that some 120 students are registering through Ontario's Second Career Program.

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Lie, break promises — just as long as you pay

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada



Employers keeping or breaking promises made to employees has little to do with job satisfaction, according to a new study from the University of Toronto that challenges decades of research.

"Basically, it's 'Show me the money,'" says Samantha Montes, who co-authored the report with Rotman School of Management colleague David Zweig for the Journal of Applied Psychology.

Previous research suggested what made for happy staff was when clear promises were made by employers and then delivered.

But Montes and Zweig found keeping the "psychological contract" had little effect on an employee's feelings for the organization.

"The findings overall suggest that promises don't matter as much as we think they do, which is somewhat controversial," says Montes. She thinks that's not due to recent changes in the job market, but that "previous information was mis-

leading."

"I studied the concept of broken promises, and I studied it differently," she says. Previously, breach of promise was seen as a gap between what employees think they are promised and what they get.

"Unfortunately, what they've done in almost all of the previous research is ask people, 'To what extent has your organization filled all of your promises?'"

That mixes promised inducements and delivered inducements, she says.

The new research untangles the two issues.

Workplace satisfaction

"My findings show promises don't really come into peoples' minds. All they seem to care about is whether they are getting the pay they want to be getting," she says.

"It's not even as though people are saying, 'How does what I get compare to what I expected to get?' All I saw was that it came down to whatever the employee referred to as the bottom line: Is this the amount of skill-development I want? Is this the pay that I want? Is this the amount of support I

"Even if you meet employee expectations, even if you fulfill the promises you make to employees, if the level of benefits is low, you're not going to have happy, satisfied, committed employees."

U of T's Samantha Montes

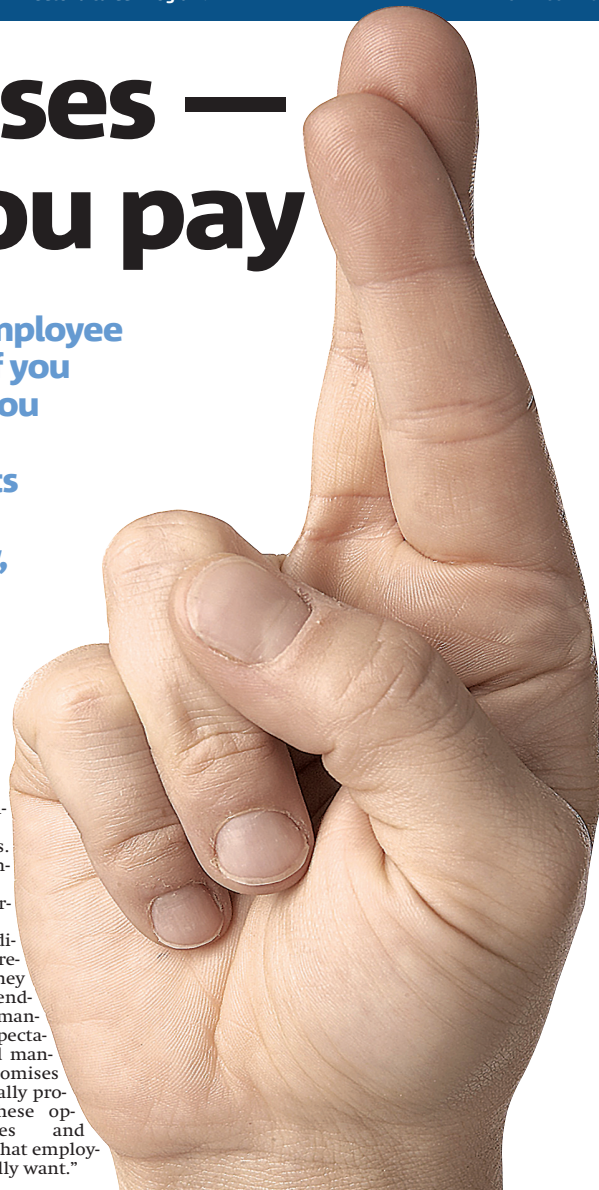
want? If it was, they were happy. If it wasn't, then regardless of their expectations and promises, they weren't going to be happy."

This can lead to perplexed bosses, who are carefully delivering on promises, but not getting happy workers.

"Even if you meet employee expectations, even if you fulfill the promises you make to employees, if the level of benefits is low — lower compensation, lower development opportunities, lower support — you're not going to have happy, satisfied,

committed employees," she says.

"It's important that organizations divert any resources they were spending on managing expectations and managing promises into actually providing these opportunities and benefits that employees actually want."



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Workology in brief

BAD SUMMER FOR SAVING

UP This summer has been the worst summer-student hiring season in years with a record 201,000 young Canadians currently out of work. That accounts for one-in-five members of the workforce between the ages of 18 and 24. This is partly due to the global economic downturn, which hit sectors typically hiring youth such as tourism, hospitality and construction, but it's also due to deficit-stricken governments cutting or eliminating funding to programs like B.C.'s Student Summer Works program,

which matched an employer's contribution to a student's pay. According to the United Nations, this is not a problem confined to Canada; it's a global epidemic. While young people make up approximately 25 per cent of the world's working population, they account for 40 per cent of the unemployed.

NO ATLANTIC UNDERGRADS

According to Statistics Canada, fewer students are enrolling in undergraduate programs in Canada's Atlantic provinces, with the

number of full-time students declining in all four provinces in 2007 and 2008. This is said to be a result of increasing numbers of high school dropouts. The Nova Scotia Department of Education estimates that there will be a 30 per cent drop in high school graduates over the next decade, while that numbers is estimated to be about 20 per cent in New Brunswick. As a result, Atlantic universities are increasing their out-of-province recruitment efforts.

HEATHER BUCHAN/
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Bridesmaid "don't"

Don't take on too much. Tasks will come up that you must delegate to your fellow maids, even if you are the maid of honour. If you do it all yourself, you'll get resentful watching everyone else have fun. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Wedding Planner

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Turn up texture

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for Metro Canada

From shredded tulle to ruching, bridal gown trends for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 offer plenty of options — and fun — for the consumer.

"Some really interesting, very couture-like details made their way into the spring market," says Andrea Anastasiou, owner of the bridal shop White. She says women are now looking for a special wedding dress, something different than their girlfriends. And so the designers delivered.

BIG IS BACK

Full dresses dominated the runway, but they weren't the heavy duchesse satin, princess-type ball gowns of

seasons past. "What makes it new and modern is that it's been interpreted in all of these light-as-air-fabrics," says Anastasiou. "Girls love the idea of going back to drama, wearing a dress that takes up the room and is a real show-stopper." Fabrics like chiffon, tulle and silk organza make this trend wearable.

As seen at: Oscar de la Renta, Monique Lhuillier, Carolina Herrera.

The Trina natural waist dress by Rivini, \$5,000-\$5,500.

IMAGE COURTESY OF RIVINI

**ONE-SHOULDERED**

Do you recall the fluttery white Jason Wu gown Michelle Obama wore to the inaugural ball? "It started off on the red carpet and quickly got into bridal," says Randy Fenoli, fashion director of Kleinfeld bridal salon in New York City. Even ruffles or floral details attached to strapless gowns "give the illusion of the one-shoulder gown," says Anastasiou.

As seen at: Anne Barge, Thread and Jenny Yoo Alternative Bridal Collection.

TEXTURE & DIMENSION

Think ruffles, raw edges and laser-cut flowers. "There's lots of move-



From left: The Meriah Gown from the Monique Lhuillier Platinum Collection, \$10,000-\$10,500; A-line dress from the Anne Barge Collection, \$4,500-\$5,000; and the Tulipe Rivini gown, \$15,000-\$15,500.

ment and texture and dimension," says Fenoli. Designers were turning up the texture with their gowns, whether it was with "raw-edge tulle, hand-made ruffles or fabric being twisted into a floral detail," says Anastasiou.

As seen at: Lela Rose, Rivini, Monique Lhuillier, Anne Barge, Oscar de La Renta.

RUCHING

Across the board, this style of draping a thin fabric — often in a diagonal pattern closely to the body — is a key trend, for good reason. "It's very forgiving and flattering," says Fenoli. Because of the textured quality of the fabric, "you still have that second-skin quality, but you're not getting the flat, slim line of fabric right up against you," says Anastasiou. This was especially popular with mermaid silhouettes.

As seen at: Jenny Lee, Rivini, Anne Barge, Jenny Yoo,

Nicole Miller.

MODIFIED A-LINE

The reason this popular flared silhouette remains strong is because it's "universally flattering," says Anastasiou. The update this season was a slightly lower waist, which "showcases more of the body," says Anastasiou.

As seen at: Anne Barge, Rivini, Amy Michelson.

NATURAL WAIST

Much like fashion's fixation on your middle with waist-cinching belts, this trend has trickled into bridal, with designers like Carolina Herrera sending 1950s-style gowns down the runway. Drop waist gowns have seen their better days

— Anastasiou said the shape was sparse on the runway.

As seen at: Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, Lela Rose.

MERMAID & TRUMPET

With this exaggerated flare, the hip is highlighted, but the drama doesn't stop there — it travels down towards the exaggerated hemline. Whether it is with major ruffles, bounds of ruching, shredded tulle or tattered chiffon, the emphasis lies in the skirt and trim.

As seen at: Reem Acra, Rivini, Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, Monique Lhuillier.

The Lismora mermaid gown by Rivini is \$7,500-\$8,000.

IMAGE COURTESY OF RIVINI



Find the perfect fit for your body type

• **Petite:** Look for a bodice that's 1/3 of the length of the dress. Keep details like bows, flowers, and prints on the smaller scale. Fenoli says natural waists, empire waists and no waists are great choices. Strapless necklines help "lighten up the whole look."

• **Fuller-figured:** It depends on the type of fuller figure, but strapless necklines can "create a long line between the neck and dress, and it's always flattering," says Anastasiou. To define a waistline, adding a sash, colour or ruching near the midriff gives "the

idea of an hourglass," says Anastasiou.

• **Curvy:** This shape can wear a number of styles, because a prominent hip can fill out a silhouette, like a "trumpet or a mermaid gown; it just has to be something with the right detail," says Anastasiou. Dresses with diagonal ruching create a slimming effect, highlighting curves "in a good spot and in a good way," Fenoli also likes A-lines, "as long as it's not a horizontal line drawing against your widest part, whether it be your bust or hips."

• **Athletic:** This consumer needs a dress that will create volume. A-lines and modified A-lines with added interest at the bottom work for those who don't have a bum or fuller figure underneath to fill out the dress. "It's the illusion of being more well-proportioned," says Anastasiou. An added ribbon or cummerbund wrapped around the waist can give the illusion of an hourglass look, and natural waist dresses look great on athletic girls, says Anastasiou.

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Bridal accessories vintage-inspired

KATHERINE FLEMING
for Metro Canada

"From the veil to the shoes, if one is trying to save, keep things simple," says Canadian wedding gown designer Adele Wechsler.

Decide where you will invest — perhaps you covet a pair of pewter Christian Louboutin or a set of vintage earrings. Being prepared about where to indulge and where to cut back will put your mind — and your credit card — at ease.

JEWEL BOX

Splurge on timeless jewelry. "There's no reason to spend \$100 on a brooch that looks cheap that's going to cheapen your whole bridal ensemble," says Randy Fenoli, fashion director of Kleinfeld bridal salon in New York City.

Instead, invest something "you'll wear every anniversary."

Glosson shoes, \$80 at Aldo (aldoshoes.com), and 1940s-inspired diamante hair comb, above, from the Carole Tanenbaum Vintage Collection, \$250 (caroletanenbaum.com).

sary and every special occasion and you'll pass to your daughter."

Bridal shop owner Andrea Anastasiou of White concurs, and suggests trolling vintage markets in search of a great pair of 1920s earrings or 1950s collar. "The (vintage) splurge makes a big impact on the whole look.

It's only going to gain value as years pass," she says. Go online and look for vintage dealers like Canadian Carole Tanenbaum.

Wechsler suggests borrowing a simple pearl earring set — or another piece from your mother's collection to maintain a sentimental feeling and lower cost.

WELL-HEELED

Wechsler stresses the priority for footwear is comfort. Look for ballet flats or heels that "you can spend the night in without being tortured." She suggests dressing up an inexpensive shoe with an



These stylish veils range in price from \$200-\$1,200, while the 1930s-inspired diamante floral brooch from the Carole Tanenbaum Vintage Collection, below, is \$800.

appliqué or embellishment to personalize the look.

If you crave more than a white satin shoe (which can easily be dyed darker later for more use), turn to colour and sparkle. "Going the route of colour or metallic is perfectly appropriate and a little bit more modern," says Anastasiou.

Fenoli sees brides purchasing designer shoes before their dress. "I think we have Carrie from Sex and the City to thank for that." They don't have to match the dress — it's indulging a lifelong dream of owning a particular pair of shoes you'll wear again.

CROWNING GLORY

"Right now, hair jewelry is huge in bridal,"



says Fenoli, but adds the tiara trend is finished and should only be worn "your mother is a queen."

As for keeping it modern, hair bands incorporate sparkle and statement. "It sits flat against your head but can be diffused a little bit by the hair, set into an updo or worn with the hair down," says Anastasiou. Jennifer Behr hair bands (made famous on Gossip Girl) give "major impact without taking over a look." For a similar style, Anastasiou suggests looking for a sparkly ribbon to weave through hair.

VEILED EFFORT

"A veil as a finishing touch really pulls the whole thing together," says Weschler.

From cathedral to bird cage, "it has become a whole fashion statement."



Impression set, \$190, and beautiful headband, below, \$210. Both available at Swarovski (swarovski.com).

But experts suggest you reason with yourself: you'll be wearing the veil for the shortest period of time, so "unless you really have your heart set on something trimmed in French lace (which can cost thousands) — keep it simple," says Anastasiou.

Concentrate on shape and scale, rather than extra details and trim.

Or borrow! "It's a nice way to bring something personal into the whole look." Many brides skip the veil altogether.

CARRY ON/CLUTCH

If you're cultivating a certain period, like an art deco era



theme, a beautiful purse may serve "as an extension to the whole look," says Anastasiou.

Though you may not have time to carry one and, consider this purchase optional. If you do desire one, there are scores of possibilities.

WedLux magazine editor-in-chief Angela Desveaux likes the Vancouver-based Davie+Chiyo, who specialize in cute handbags, because "every bride needs a perfect place to stash her lipstick."

These Davie + Chiyo clutches are available at davieandchiyo.com. Feather clutch, \$105, top, and lustrous duchess, \$120.



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Macerating toilet sleek, stylish

Since being introduced to the Canadian market more than 20 years ago, macerating toilet systems have come a long way.

Touted as "the original plumbing solution," these systems are widely used in situations where a bathroom addition would be impossible or cost-prohibitive due to the positioning of existing plumbing lines. Over the years however, macerating system manufacturers have managed to merge form and function, releasing contemporary models that offer sleek styling and minimal water consumption.

While the systems themselves can cost more than a



A macerating toilet by Saniflo.

standard toilet, the fact that they can be installed over top of any finished surface means significant savings for homeowners.

New models like the tankless Sanicompact and wall-hung Sanistar, by Saniflo, feature European designs that look at home in today's modern bathrooms.

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Bottle service

Stylish utensil racks keep cooking necessities off your counters and in plain view. Transfer condiments and seasonings from their plastic containers to decorative glass bottles. HGTV.CA



Leather in today's eco-engineered floors are processed in a similar way to recycled paper.

Luxurious leather

People have always been drawn to the luxurious feeling of leather, prizing it in fine handbags, elegant furnishings, upper-end car interiors, treasured wallets, stylish jackets, and now ... flooring?

Designers and consumers in the know are moving away from hardwood to something equally durable, beautiful and rich

as they lay leather on the floors of their home and office interiors. Leather, especially recycled leather, is easy to clean, ages beautifully, taking on a gorgeous, warm patina, and is no longer just for walking around in. It's now for walking around on.

And oh, it feels good, not just to your sense of touch but to a feeling of responsi-

Did you know?

- Recycled leather flooring suppresses sound and is surprisingly warm and quiet.

bility when you opt for leather that is 100 per cent recycled and would otherwise be destined for a landfill. Leather in today's modern eco-engineered floors are processed in a similar way to recycled paper: leather scraps from the manufacture of luxury car seats, belts, shoes and other apparel are shredded and bound together again using natural rubber and acacia tree sap. It's brilliant, and beautiful.



As we know from the antique furniture of centuries past, leather lasts for hundreds of years and offers exceptional wear and abrasion resistance. The design and embossing possibilities are endless. Leather floors create a dramatic and inspired textured backdrop for any room, and complement atmospheres from casual to formal to anywhere in between.

One company that leads the way in leather flooring and offers a 25-year wear warranty on its recycled leather flooring is TORLYS of Canada (torlys.com). Its engineered leather flooring boasts the flair of Italian design in highly textured and sought-after earth tones.

Elegant and enduring, classic and contemporary, 100 per cent recycled leather flooring looks and even smells like the sensuous leather people love, at a fraction of the cost. If you want to be ahead of this hot new trend in leather, step on it!

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German Currywurst Museum

The long wait has finally come to an end for fans of Germany's most beloved urban snack — the first German Currywurst Museum opened its doors in Berlin near Checkpoint Charlie. The museum will celebrate all things related to the curious combination of curry, ketchup and sausage. There'll be recipes, a history of the cult snack, a museum shop and a documentary called Best of the Wurst. See currywurstmuseum.de.

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Sampling the perks of paradise

Coffee lovers can go right to the source on Hawaii's Big Island

BY DAWNA L. ROBERTSON
for Metro Canada

Anyone who has ever visited Hawaii's Big Island knows its beauty is cut from a different cloth. What would you expect from a 4,028-square-mile gem that's home to 11 climate zones?

From black sand beaches to snow-capped mountaintops, Hawaii's biggest playground literally surprises at every turn.

While this tropical retreat is never short on recreational diversions, the cultural scene becomes even more robust each November thanks to Hawaii's longest running agricultural festival, which continues to stir up quite a buzz on the typically laid-back island.

Through the years, the award-winning Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, konacoffeeest.com, has garnered recognition as the pioneer food festival in Hawaii. Slated for Nov. 6 to 15, the 39th edition will celebrate with a Kona Coffee — Aroma of Aloha theme, paying homage to pioneers, farmers, artisans and the product itself.

Nearly 50 festival events will include coffee-based competitions, tastings, parades, farm tours, workshops, art exhibits and an outdoor concert.

Heading to Kona a few days prior to last year's festival launch, I opted to perk up a low-key day by touring Kona Coffee Country. Driving maps are available from hotel concierges, local businesses or by contacting info@konacoffeeest.com.

The comprehensive piece includes information on coffee history, industry standards and cultivation practices. For direction ease, it opens to a map pinpointing locations of Kona Coffee farms and retail sites that welcome guests.

American missionary Samuel Ruggles introduced coffee to the island in 1828, transporting cuttings of Arabica trees from Oahu to Kona. The area was a natural, thanks to its rich volcanic soil, ample rainfall, natural cloud cov-



Visitors stroll through a coffee plantation on the Big Island's Kona Coast. The annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival will take place Nov. 6 to 15.

er and hard-working family farmers.

Picking up steam among connoisseurs, Kona Coffee consists exclusively of beans grown on the western slopes of Hualalai and Mauna Loa in a strip extending south from the village of Holualoa to the town of Honaunau. This delicacy is distinguished for having a full, rich flavour with balanced acidity, great aroma and long finish lacking bitterness. More than 670 farms create a tapestry amid the 35-kilometre-long, three-kilo-

metre-wide coffee-rich corridor. So with this Java 101 under my belt and map in hand, I hit the road.

First stop was Greenwell Farms, greenwellfarms.com, in Kealahou, one of the industry's oldest and most storied producers. The Greenwell legacy began in 1850 when Henry Nicholas Greenwell left England for the fertile soil of rural Kona. For the next 40 years, he and his wife farmed, ranches and perfected their product.

Today, the spread lies adjacent to the Greenwell's

ancestral home, now occupied by the Kona Historical Society's Kona Coffee Living History Farm, konahistoricalsociety.org. Managed by family descendants, Greenwell Farms works 150 acres of the most productive land in the Kona District. As with many larger producers, it purchases additional coffee cherry from selected farms within the region. My tour guide, Kapua, described how the transformation from cherries into a full-bodied, aromatic brew begins with hand-planted seedlings.



Coffee beans dry in the sun on Hawaii's Kona Coast.

Good to know

- For information on transportation, accommodations and additional activities, visit bigisland.org and kohala.coastresorts.com.
- For details on the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, visit konacoffeeest.com or email info@konacoffeeest.com.
- For hotel packages, contact

Keauhou Beach Resort, 877-532-8468; King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel, konabeachhotel.com; Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, sheratonkeauhou.com; and Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, outriggerkeauhoubeach.com

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"They blossom into Kona Snow flowers, which produce bright red cherries that generally contain two

coffee beans," Kapua explained.

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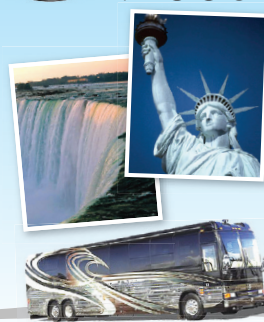
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New Brunswick's coastal charms

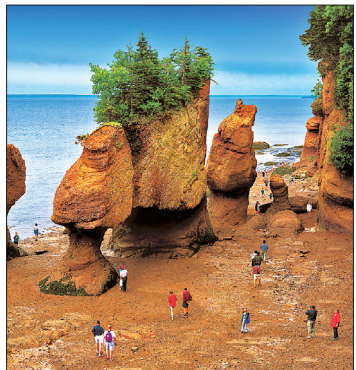
Covered bridges, lighthouses and natural wonders line Bay of Fundy

The sign at the entrance to the weatherbeaten structure along Highway 114 south of Moncton harkens back to a simpler time. It reads: "Walk Your Horse and Save a Fine."

Constructed in 1905, the Sawmill Creek covered bridge is no longer in use but is one of the oldest among an abundance of covered bridges along the Fundy Coastal Drive, which eventually leads the traveller down to Fundy National Park.

There are 64 covered bridges in New Brunswick — 28 in Kings County alone. They're so popular that they have spawned the annual Covered Bridge Festival to celebrate Canada's Covered Bridge Capital, Kings County, each July.

If the city of Moncton is your starting point, then the Fundy Coastal Drive is an excellent day trip. You'll encounter dozens of picturesque villages, picnic and hiking areas and, of



New Brunswick's Hopewell Rocks at low tide, left, and high tide.

course, the covered bridges.

"Why are they covered? It's just because back when there (were) horse-and-carriages (the bridges) had to be covered because when there is snow and rain the wood can deteriorate," explained Keltie Ryan, the supervisor at the Covered Bridge Visitor Information Centre in Kings County. "However they

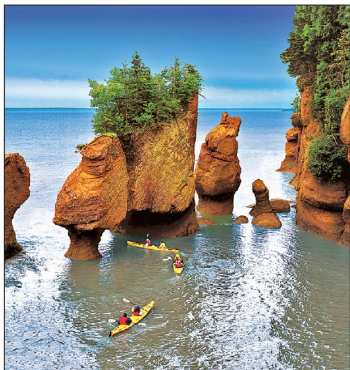
would put snow on the bridges so horse-and-sleighs could be used," she added.

About 200 visitors a day drop into the information centre, including many who were fans of the 1995 movie *The Bridges of Madison County*, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. "A lot of people come around looking for covered bridges — it's al-

most like the lighthouse fad where people come and see how they are still being used today," Ryan said.

The most obvious attraction for the 2.6 million annual visitors, though, is the world-famous Bay of Fundy, which records the highest tides in the world.

One hundred-billion tonnes of seawater rolls in twice daily down the 290-



More details

• For further information on travelling to New Brunswick, see tourismnewbrunswick.ca.

kilometre funnel, which is wide at one end and gradually tapers at the other.

It's the only Canadian destination to make the top 28 compiled by an international panel of experts to compete to become one of the New7Wonders of Nature.

"It's the first place you would take someone who is visiting," confirmed Diane Rioux, project executive for Tourism New Brunswick.

The Hopewell Rocks, which have been named one of the Marine Wonders of the World, are also on the must-see list. The flower-pot shaped rock formations have been carved by erosion over thousands of years. At low tide, visitor can walk in their shadows

along the floor but at high tide, kayakers use the opportunity to dart in and out through the holes in the rocks four storeys above.

Visitors to the province come from nearby Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, as well as Quebec, Ontario, the New England states and from further afield.

The proximity to New England has resulted in other tourism possibilities once the greenery of summer gives way to the multi-coloured changes in the fall.

"What happens in New England is you get these long lineups of cars who go to visit the fall foliage and then the prices of the rooms go way up," said Rioux.

"Here in New Brunswick we have all the same colours, our prices stay the same and there's less traffic. Our operators are still busy in the fall."

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Percolated perfection

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Those producing a single bean are referred to as peaberries — considered top crop with a more concentrated flavour leaving a tingle on the tongue. We then headed to the drying area where beans are pulped, dried and hulled to remove their parchment. Mill machinery sorts the beans into grades based on size and shape.

I set off for Mountain Thunder, mountainthunder.com, a five-acre organic farm in Kinaliu. Here, visitors can tour, taste and purchase organic Kona Coffee and green tea grown at 3,200 feet on the slopes of Hualalai.

Owner Trent Bateman's commitment to the environment, technology and his family are key ingredients that give Mountain Thunder's 100 per cent organic Kona Coffee its true flavor. Bateman believed in the health benefits of foods grown free from harmful herbicides and additives well before organic farming became the mainstream staple it is today.

The Batemans even employ families of Chinese Geese, St. Croix Sheep and Kona Nightingale Donkeys to help weed the grounds and nuzzle up to visitors — not to mention provide plenty of free organic fertil-

"There are hundreds of farms producing. So the variety inspires tasters to discover their palate's most desirable flavour."

Malia Bolton, Kona Coffee & Tea Company

izer. With a few more farms and quite a few more cups of coffee fueling the afternoon, I was compelled to make a final stop at Kona Coffee & Tea Company's retail outlet near the Kona International Airport at Keahole on Queen Kaahumanu Highway, konacoffeeandtea.com. According to Malia Bolton, director of operations, comparing Kona Coffee to Napa's wine industry is natural. "We're both regions producing fine quality beverages," she said. "And we share the reputation of coupling these products with memorable experiences."

She said one of the greatest misconceptions is that there is only one Kona Coffee. "So many people don't understand what a big business this is," she explained. "There are hundreds of farms producing. So the variety inspires tasters to discover their palate's most desirable flavour."

Yet more fees

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Jasper delivers whitewater thrills

"Forward!" shouts the Dutch surfer-dude guide, and a group of whitewater rafters plunge their paddles into the Athabasca River — the "Atha-B" to locals — pulling through raging water fed by glacial ice.

The raft rockets down into a trough, then rises up to crash bow-first into an oncoming whitecap, while sheets of spray drench its occupants. When the rapids subside, the raft drifts along in the sunshine, surrounded by the sheer cliffs and sharp summits of the eastern Rockies.

Whitewater rafting — along with Miette Hot Springs, Lake Annette and Sunwapta Falls — are among the many aqua-oriented experiences for summer visitors to Jasper National Park.

"Jasper is the whitewater capital for Alberta. More people go whitewater rafting in Jasper than anywhere else in the province because we've got the great rivers," says Pat Crowley, general manager of Maligne Rafting Adventures, one of five raft-

More details

- Maligne Rafting Adventures, mra.ab.ca
- Jasper Tourism, jaspercanadianrockies.com

ing companies in the area. Crowley started the company 22 years ago, after she went rafting for the first time, on the Maligne River in 1986.

"The first time I rafted I had no idea of the power of moving water," she said. "At different times of the year there's more water or less water depending on the (glacial) melt. It's always a different ride."

There are runs for novices and first-timers along with more challenging courses for every level from intermediates to thrill-seeking daredevils.

The boaters come mainly from Alberta, B.C., and the rest of Canada, says Crowley. But one in four are from abroad: Americans, Brits, Germans, French and others looking for a bit of adventure.

"There are lots of Euro-



Rafting on the Athabasca River in Alberta's Jasper National Park.

peans, particularly Germans, because they like the wilderness and they're crazy for mountains," says Crowley.

The No. 1 fear for first-timers? Falling in. "Everybody says 'I can't swim' or something like that," says Crowley. "It's really infrequent that anybody goes in the water, and even if you do you're floating at the same speed as the raft, so

you're right there beside us and we just lean over and drag you in."

Anyone with aching paddler's muscles can head east of the Jasper townsite and drive 17 kilometres on a winding road through a green hallway of towering trees in Fiddle Valley to Miette Hot Springs.

Miette taps the rain and snowmelt that drains through the surrounding

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Pat Crowley

mountain fissures down, down three kilometres below the surface, where it is heated by the radioactive decay in the earth's core until it boils and bubbles back to the surface at a scalding 54 C.

The hot springs filter and cool it to 40 C. Water lovers enjoy two hot pools and two cold pools, one so Titanically icy the water bores into your bones in seconds, sending you jumping out almost as soon as you wade in.

Otherwise, the pools are ringed with bathers content to sit and stare at the majestic Ashlar Ridge. They're the perfect place for kicking back.

Families who have preteen to early-teen kids looking to splash and play around may want to look elsewhere — jumping into the pool, for instance, is im-

mediately discouraged by the Tilley-hatted lifeguards.

One place where kids can splash and play is in the clear, blue-green waters of Lake Annette, near Jasper Park Lodge just outside the townsite. Here, in an area dubbed The Beach, there are picnickers, Frisbee tossers, hikers and families building sandcastles at the shore.

And to understand nature's power, head south from the townsite to the thundering Sunwapta Falls, which were 8,000 years in the making. You can visit the upper falls or take a short hike to the lower one.

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Prejean suing

Fallen beauty queen Carrie Prejean is suing the Miss California USA pageant and co-executive director Shanna Moakler alleging religious discrimination. Prejean, 22, is also suing for libel and slander. PEOPLE.COM

Blue collar fun

Mike Judge seeks workplace laughs in *Extract*

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Although he's more famous for creating such iconic animated television sitcoms as *Beavis and Butt-Head* and the long-running *King of the Hill*, filmmaker Mike Judge does have one cinematic treasure to his name — *Office Space*.

Having mastered the eccentricities of the workplace in that 1999 comedy classic, Judge may soon satisfy those who've craved for his return to skewering office dynamics ever since. Admittedly, his new film, *Extract*, should've been made a lot sooner.

"I started writing (*Ex-*

tract) shortly after *Office Space*," said Judge during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "I started writing it, got 50 pages in and (the scriptwriting) software I was using got corrupted and froze up including the version I saved ... by the time I opened it up, I was like, 'Nah, screw it.'"

Ten years later, the comedy starring Jason Bateman as a bewildered owner of a floundering flavouring factory is set for release this Friday. Being described as a "blue collar" rendition of *Office Space*, in the film Judge again captures the hilarious authenticity of the working environment.

"I had so many jobs and I just think there's a lot of material there," said Judge about his interest in the workplace setting. "I just find this stuff kind of interesting and funny and not a lot of people are doing it."

But part of the success of *Office Space* (and perhaps *Extract*) was also the adoption of certain lines and iconic moments into the zeitgeist. Mention such things as the "O-face" or "Milton's red stapler" to anyone who's seen the 1999 cult hit and those gags have a whole new pop-cultural understanding.

"At the premiere, (a

Extract opens in theatres this Friday



Mike Judge, who directed the 1999 comedy *Office Space*, on the set of his new film *Extract*.

friend) picked the oddest line that I don't think anyone even laughed at," said Judge about which moments in *Extract* could find

their way into the zeitgeist. "You don't plan those things; when you plan them, they don't work so you just write the thing

and those quotable lines - that's up to the audience and they find them. I just hope they do that with this one."

New voting system for Oscar

MOVIES Adding another hurdle to next year's Oscar race, organizers will use a preferential voting system in tallying the final vote for best picture, where 10 nominees will be competing for the first time since 1943.

In all other categories, the victory goes to the nominee who earns the most votes. In the case of best picture, however, voters will be asked to rank their preference from 1 to 10, with 1 being best.

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Tron's voyage from disaster to dark sci-fi film

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

In 1982 Disney's blockbuster video game fantasy *Tron* was considered a neon-colored disaster, but today it's a cult classic.

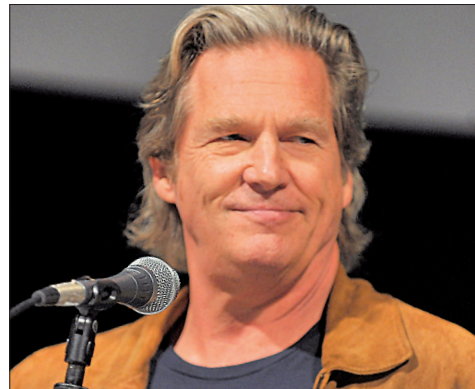
The movie was truly ahead of its time and all the video game references, computer tech talk, and primitive CGI effects that alienated audiences almost 30 years ago are now the

backbone of pop culture.

Since audiences have finally caught up with *Tron*, Disney has been quietly developing a sequel. They recently unveiled a trailer on the Internet showing that their new project will be a dark sci-fi action adventure. In other words, this ain't your Daddy's *Tron*.

"Disney made the original movie in 1982 and if you saw it then or have even seen it now, it looks and feels unlike anything else," *Tron*: Legacy producer Justin Springer said during the recent Fan Expo Canada 2009 in Toronto. He was there to screen footage and share some information about the highly anticipated film.

"What they achieved really inspired us as filmmakers and made us want



Actor Jeff Bridges, who starred in the original *Tron* in 1982, is reprising his role as Kevin Flynn in the sequel *Tron: Legacy*.

to push and invent new technology to create something equally impressive for 2010," said Springer.

The team in charge of *Tron: Legacy* has done

everything they can to create a world that both honors and expands on the original film. Springer and Disney brought in director Joseph Kosinski to supervise the update — a man with no feature film experience.

"Joe's a commercial director who has done some visually stunning and groundbreaking work," Springer said. "He has a background in architecture and design and has used a lot of new digital technology in a way that makes it difficult to tell the difference between what's CG and what's real."

The footage Springer

Daft Punk recruited

The brief glimpses of the *Tron*: Legacy concept art producer Justin Springer unveiled suggests that Disney is taking an unconventionally dark and experimental route with the film. One indication of this new direction was the choice for the film composer. "Daft Punk is scoring the film," said Springer. "We wanted to hire someone who could make an original electronic score and they were interested. It will be a real score and not a Daft Punk dance album."

screened showcased a rain scarred and bleak universe reminiscent of *Blade Runner*. Springer also revealed that while the movie just wrapped photography, a further 18 months will be required to complete the complicated visual effects. The movie is slated for release in 2010.

"A lot of people think this movie was shot in a giant blue screen stage like 300 but that's not the case," said Springer. "Because the director wanted to make the movie as realistic as possible, we built over 50 sets, some taking up entire soundstages."

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Jude Law and Ewan McGregor were "like a couple" for a recent Vanity Fair photo shoot, striking several risqué poses photographer Lorenzo Agius says. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Marvel's storied past

Iron Man, Captain America and Thor may be nearly invincible, but they can also be bought.

In acquiring Marvel Entertainment Inc. this week for about \$4 billion, Walt Disney Co. inherits a bevy of comic book characters whose history is almost dramatic enough to deserve a prequel of its own. And what could be a better ending than Hulk moving in with Donald Duck?

Marvel Comics, now a subsidiary of Marvel Entertainment Inc., was founded in 1939, a year after Disney released one of its biggest hits: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Even Stan Lee, who would become an integral figure in Marvel's history and arguably its most public face, was a fan.

"The first expensive book I bought by saving my pennies was called The Art of Walt Disney," Lee said in an interview Monday. "I loved their cartoons: Pinocchio and Bambi and Snow White — all of them."

The first issue of Marvel Comics, released by Timely

Publications, was published in October 1939 and included a now-classic character, the Human Torch. The issue sold for 10 cents.

The '60s were a creative heyday for Marvel. It published hundreds of comic books with superhero stories, including the introduction of the Fantastic Four. Lee created many of the characters, along with designers such as Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko.

Among them: Spider-Man, Iron Man, the X-Men, the Hulk and Thor. With more serious, detailed storytelling, Marvel seized the comic book energy from DC Comics, which over the years has birthed Batman, Superman and many others. (DC has its own corporate owner: Warner Bros., since 1969.)

Marvel was sold in 1986 to New World Entertainment and soon after was sold again to investor Ronald Perelman. Marvel's current chief executive, Isaac (Ike) Perlmutter, snatched Marvel assets out of bankruptcy in 1998, outmanoeuvring Perelman



The Walt Disney Co. announced earlier this week it is buying Marvel Entertainment Inc. for \$4 billion in cash and stock.

and investor Carl Icahn. Marvel's commercial boom arrived in the '90s and the '00s, when the rights to its famous characters became highly profitable in video games, merchandising and blockbuster movie adaptations. Marvel Studios was formed to co-produce films with other studios.

The 86-year-old Lee, though, remains affiliated with Marvel and holds the title of "chairman emeritus." His company, Pow! Entertainment, has its own deal with Disney that gives the studio the first look at new projects. Pow! has three films in the works with Disney.

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History made sexy?

SERIES Reality television super-producer Mark Burnett's new series Expedition Africa shares many esthetic similarities to his hit franchise Survivor: there are the same lush jungles, exotic wildlife and danger of a perilous, uncontrolled environment.

But in lieu of his other show's torches, tribal councils, and teeny-tiny bikinis, Burnett hopes Expedition Africa — a show in which four explorers recreate Sir Henry Morton Stanley's legendary journey through Africa to find Dr. David Livingstone — hooks viewers with something a little less sexy: History.

"When this came up, it was such a challenge — how to create programming that would be adventurous, have dramatic storytelling, but have its foundation in history," Burnett told The Canadian Press.

"It was very, very challenging to try to pull that off. It was exciting."

Expedition Africa has completed its eight-episode run in the U.S. but makes its Canadian debut tonight (History Television, 10 p.m. ET).

"Without conflict, there is no drama."

Mark Burnett, producer

The show tracks four explorers — navigator Pasquale Scatturo, wildlife expert Mireya Mayor, survivalist Benedict Allen and journalist Kevin Sites — who use only a compass and hand-drawn maps as they attempt to retrace Stanley's famed 1,500-kilometre expedition to find Livingstone.

Along the way, they sidestep potentially dangerous confrontations with lions, crocodiles and a variety of deadly snakes, while finding plenty of time to bicker amongst themselves about the best way to accomplish pretty much every task they encounter.

And that, Burnett says, can be the key to good reality television — though he maintains he had no idea which personalities would clash.

"All you can do is choose people who you think have big personalities. Without conflict, there's no drama."

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In brief

TV CBS has landed a highly sought multicamera comedy script by Will & Grace alumna Gail Lerner. The project, tentatively titled Open Books, has received a pilot commitment from the network. It revolves around book editor June and her circle of friends.

TV The Daytime Emmy Awards hit an all-time ratings low after being relegated to the CW network on Sunday. The 36th annual awards show, averaged 2.3 million viewers — off 57 per cent from last year when the Daytime Emmys aired on ABC.

TV MTV's reinvention of the 1985 movie Teen Wolf is inching closer to reality. The cable network announced the project in January as part of its development slate. After seeing the script, MTV brass have picked it up as a pilot presentation.

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Expedition Africa
GPS? What's that? Maps and a compass are all that four modern-day explorers have at their disposal in this new series, which sends them on the route taken by journalist Henry Morton Stanley's journey in search of Dr. David Livingstone. It's a trip fraught with danger, but as with most shows from producer Mark Burnett, the real drama comes from the personal friction and personality conflicts. 7 PM on 55 HIS



The New Adventures of Old Christine

Physician, heal thyself. And gym owner, trim thyself. While helping Matthew (Hamish Linklater) lose some weight, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) tries to shed a few extra pounds that she's acquired... and she can't. While it's true that after a certain age, it's harder to take weight off, this is especially embarrassing for Christine since she owns a fitness center. Clark Gregg also stars in "He Ain't Heavy." 8 PM on 13 CBS



Demi Moore admits that she and Ashton Kutcher are interested in having a baby, hollyscoop.com reports. "We have so much to live for, and obviously one of them is to have a child," said the 46-year-old Moore. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Demi and Ashton want a baby

Celebrity Buzz

Paris has best security ever

NO HAIR LEFT BEHIND While on a retail therapy trip to Las Vegas with her grandmother last week, Paris Jackson enjoyed a trip to a salon for a haircut — and security was sure to keep all of Michael Jackson's daughter's clippings, according to the Daily Mail.

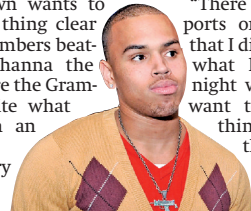


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Workers at the salon carefully swept up, bagged, and handed over every last hair cut from the 11-year-old's head to thwart potential thieves from snatching a strand for DNA tests to determine who her biological father is.

Brown remembers beating

OOPS! TEMPORARY AMNESIA! Chris Brown wants to make one thing clear — he remembers beating up Rihanna the night before the Grammys, despite what he said in an interview with Larry King.



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popeater.com reports. "There have been reports on the Internet that I didn't remember what happened that night with Rihanna. I want to try and set things straight," the singer told with Larry King.

Perez's parenting advice to Lily

HARSH WORDS Singer Lily Allen and blogger Perez Hilton are feuding again after Hilton made catty comments about Allen's rumoured plans to become a mother.

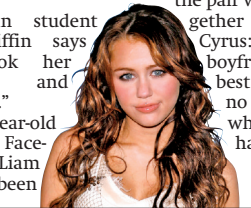


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Miley the other woman?

TEEN HOMEWRECKER? Miley Cyrus' new romance with Liam Hemsworth has left his ex-girlfriend devastated, femalefirst.co.uk reports.



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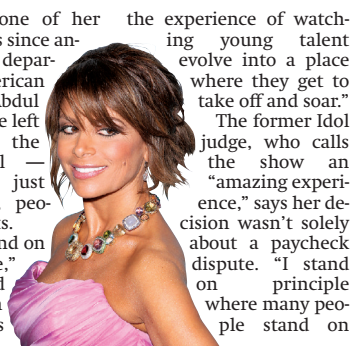
inseparable since school. But it's Miley Cyrus. How can I compete?"

Griffin told Australia's Woman's Day magazine the pair would still be together if it wasn't for Cyrus. "He was my boyfriend and my best friend. There is no other reason why we would have broken up."

Money not behind Idol split: Paula

POST-IDOL In one of her first interviews since announcing her departure from American Idol, Paula Abdul reveals why she left her post on the judges' panel — and wasn't just about money, people.com reports.

"I had to stand on my principle," Abdul, 47, told TV Guide. "I'm going to miss



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the experience of watching young talent evolve into a place where they get to take off and soar."

The former Idol judge, who calls the show an "amazing experience," says her decision wasn't solely about a paycheck dispute. "I stand on principle where many people stand on

money," she said. "I'm a hard-working artist. I've lasted in this business for 23 years. And you can't do that unless you are good at what you do."

So what's next? "I definitely want to do a talk show because it would be different," Abdul said. "It would be a lot of fun variety with a ton of unexpected stuff and tributes to everyday people getting their big chance."

Bruce rubbed Kevin wrong way?

GUESS THEY WON'T BE WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN Bruce Willis has brushed off rumours of a feud with Hollywood filmmaker Kevin Smith — after the director reportedly lashed out at a recent event for their new film A Couple of Dicks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Willis was noticeably absent from the wrap party in New York, fuelling reports the pair has been at odds over the action star's demands to add his own

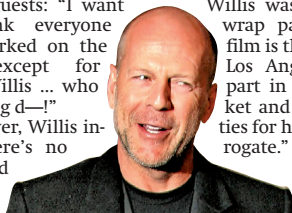
creative input to the film.

According to the National Enquirer, Smith took advantage of his star's absence to criticize him in a scathing toast, reportedly telling guests: "I want to thank everyone who worked on the film, except for Bruce Willis ... who is a f—ing d—!"

However, Willis insists there's no bad blood between

the pair. His spokesperson told WENN, "There is absolutely no rift between Bruce Willis and Kevin Smith."

"The only reason Mr. Willis was not at the film is that he was in Los Angeles taking part in a press junket and press activities for his movie Surrogate."



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Nicolas liquidating real estate?

MASSIVE SELL-OFF Fashion designer Christian Audigier has reportedly added to his Los Angeles property empire by snapping up Nicolas Cage's famous Bel Air property, according to reports.

Cage's mansion, which was once home to both Dean Martin and Tom Jones, has been on the market since 2007. The actor slashed the asking price by half earlier this summer in a bid to offload the

property.

It is not known exactly what Audigier, who also co-owns the Holmby Hills mansion Michael Jackson called home during the last months of his life, paid for the pad.

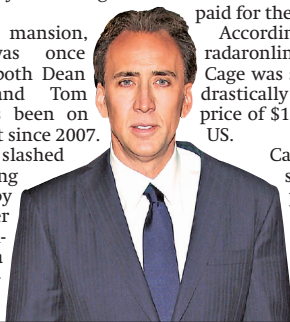
According to radaronline.com, Cage was selling at a drastically reduced price of \$17.5 million US.

Cage has also slashed the price of his 12-bedroom estate in Rhode Island,

which hit the property market last year for \$16 million. According to realestalker.com, he's now asking \$12 million for the home.

The movie star is also reportedly selling a two-unit condominium at the Olympic Tower in New York, two homes in New Orleans, Louisiana and a house in Las Vegas.

Reports suggest he recently sold property in Malibu, California and the castle in Germany. He still owns an estate in England, a second home in Malibu and a spread in the Bahamas.



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LiLo adds to tattoo collection

MARILYN'S NO. 1 FAN Lindsay Lohan added a new tattoo to her collection, and it's another Marilyn Monroe quote.

The piece of ink — reportedly her eighth — rests just below her wrist on her right arm and reads in cursive, "I restore myself when I'm alone," according to Perez Hilton.

Lohan already has a Monroe quote on her left wrist that reads, "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle."



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Celebrity tweets

Demi Moore takes on the tabloid talk about her appearance, **Tony Hawk** has been watching too much HBO, **Katy Perry** dishes on her love for California Pizza Kitchen, and **LL Cool J** finds inspiration in geology.

* **@mrskutcher** All this garbage that came out today about me is nothing more than an effort to diminish not just me but all women.

* **@tonyhawk** Gonna start calling my kids "teacup humans" thanks to True Blood.

* **@katyperry** Fast fact: could never afford the avocado which was 2 dollars extra & only got half order instead of full. I was poor! DREAMS DO COME TRUE.

* **@llcoolj** Pressure makes diamonds.

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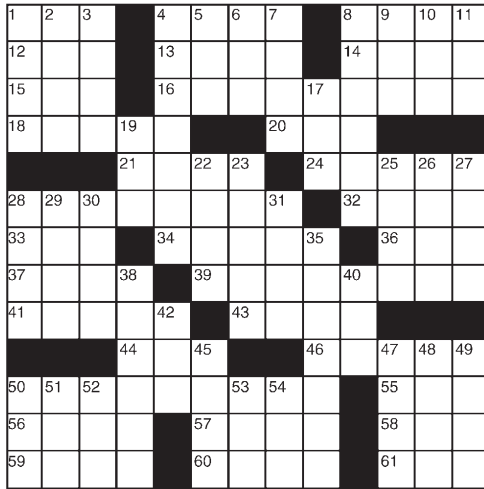
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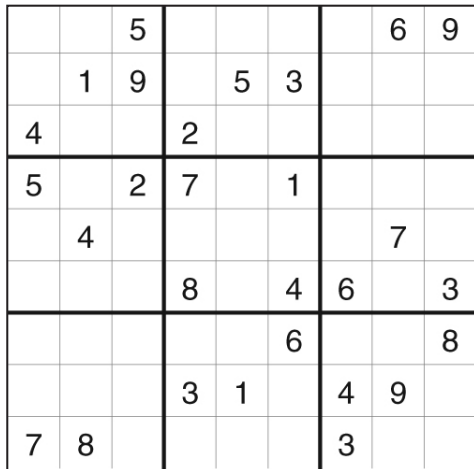
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57 Womanizer
58 "A Chorus Line" song
59 Harvard's rival
60 Legal wrong
61 Barbie's companion
- DOWN**
1 Gunk
2 Foundation
3 Q-tip end
4 Strong, cold wind
5 Last (Abbr.)
6 Writer
Buscaglia
7 Big fair, for short
8 Slanted type
9 Speck
10 Fond du —, WI
11 Biblical verb ending
17 Peruke
19 "Big Blue" company

- 22 Slightly
23 Seafood selection
25 Decree
26 Body powder
27 Last year's frosh
28 Dogsled command
29 Capri, e.g.
30 Notary's symbol
31 "Les Misérables" author
35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
42 Greek cross
45 Small pie
47 Eccentric
48 Sea eagle
49 Spotted
50 Pigeon
51 "Eureka!"
52 Scale member
53 Additionally
54 Mongrel

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



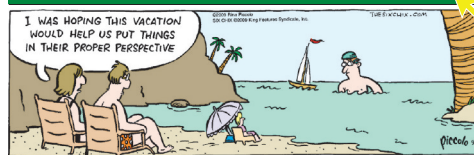
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	1	6	3	5	9	7	2	8
3	5	7	4	2	8	9	6	1
9	8	2	7	1	6	4	3	5
2	6	5	1	7	3	8	9	4
1	9	4	6	8	2	3	5	7
7	3	8	5	9	4	2	1	6
6	2	1	8	3	7	5	4	9
5	7	3	9	4	1	6	8	2
8	4	9	2	6	5	1	7	3

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ISM	MANES	CIA
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Peppered T-bone Steaks

INGREDIENTS:
3 tbsp (45 ml) steak sauce
4 1/2 tsp (22 ml) minced fresh thyme or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 ml) coarsely ground pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
2 beef T-bone steaks
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt

METHOD:

- Coat grill rack with non-stick cooking spray before starting grill. In small bowl, combine steak sauce, thyme, pepper and cayenne.
- Sprinkle steaks on both sides with salt. Spoon about 2 teaspoons steak sauce mixture on one side

of steaks.
3. Place on grill sauce side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat 6 minutes. Brush with remaining sauce and turn. Grill 4-6 minutes longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, meat thermometer should read 145 F/63 C; medium, 160 F/71 C; well-done 170 F/77 C). Serve with grilled veggie skewers.

SERVES 2

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make a special effort to stay on top of your workload today, because if you let things slide you'll find it hard to catch up.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Venus, your ruler, aspects success planet Saturn today, so your efforts, both in your personal life and in your work, are sure to pay off.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are expecting too much of yourself and if you don't lower your sights a little you could be in for a disappointment later in the month.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Everyone is born with a talent and everyone has a destiny for which they are well equipped. Keep that thought in mind when dealing with people.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You are taking certain matters too seriously and in one area in particular you seem to believe that you are to blame for other people's unhappiness.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will make a big impression on employers and other important people today. Saturn will bring your leadership qualities to the fore.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try not to draw attention to something of an embarrassing nature today. It may be amusing to you but it won't be funny to a friend or a colleague.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are no barriers. You can do whatever it is you want in this life. Any obstacles you encounter, now or in the future, are in your mind.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Money matters and business issues may be under good stars at the moment but that is not an invitation to take risks with what you own and earn.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You are noticeably more confident about your prospects of late, even though your circumstances have changed little, if at all.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A dispute of some kind may be unsettling but there is no need to worry as it will most likely be over as quickly as it started.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Deal with people who annoy you in a brisk and businesslike manner today, especially those who waste your time on trivial matters.

This day in history

- SEPT. 2, 44 BC: Pharaoh Cleopatra VII of Egypt declares her son co-ruler as Ptolemy XV Caesarion.
- SEPT. 2, 1666: The Great Fire of London breaks out and burns for three days, destroying 10,000 buildings including St Paul's Cathedral.
- SEPT. 2, 1789: The United States Department of the Treasury is founded.
- SEPT. 2, 1963: CBS Evening News becomes U.S. network television's first half-hour weeknight news broadcast, when the show is lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes.

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- BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
- Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.
- The spoiled child over there (1)
 - Find fault with actor Hudson (1)
 - Sanctuary for Poe poem bird (2)
 - Scrapes and frays pants folds (1)
 - More trim and graceful orator (2)
 - Deal with a votive light (2)
 - Naval base builders' combed items (2)
- ANSWERS: 1. SPOILED BRAT & SPOILED CHILD 2. FIND FAULT & FIND FAULT 3. SANCTUARY & SANCTUARY 4. SCRAPES & SCRAPES 5. MORE TRIM & MORE TRIM 6. DEAL WITH & DEAL WITH 7. NAVAL BASE BUILDERS' COMBED ITEMS & NAVAL BASE BUILDERS' COMBED ITEMS

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